

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	16272	Agenda Number	70.
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Meeting Date:	June 28, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS LLC, dba APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS, for the purchase of a human identification (HID) genetic analyzer for the DNA Laboratory of the Austin Police Department (APD) in an amount not to exceed \$78,764.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department funded by the 2011-2012 National Institute of Justice Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.
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Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the one-time purchase of an HID genetic analyzer for the APD DNA Laboratory. This analyzer allows the laboratory technician to develop DNA profiles from evidence and reference samples from individuals so that comparisons can be made. Applied Biosystems LLC will purchase APD's current genetic analyzer for a trade in credit. By upgrading the existing HID analyzer it ensures that continuity of training and expertise of the lab technicians will be maintained.

The HID genetic analyzer is the only capillary electrophoresis system manufactured that has the ability to analyze human DNA samples for the purpose of human identification, using capillary electrophoresis technology. Capillary electrophoresis is the process in which samples are injected into a very thin capillary containing a gel by using an electrical current.

Applied Biosystems, LLC., Foster City, CA, is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the HID genetic analyzer and does not have any authorized distributors in the United States.